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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Applicant: Paul A. Farrar

Examiner: Ginette Peralta

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Title: CONDUCTIVE STRUCTURES IN INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2001.

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2001 and the references cited therewith.

No claims are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-77 are pending in the application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of the 1449 Form, listing all references that were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 9, 2000, be marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner and returned with the next official communication.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-15, 17-20, 22-23, 25-27, 29-30, 32-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-45, 47-50, 52-56, 58-60, 62-65 and 72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dubin et al. in view of Ting et al. and Brown et al. (U.S. 6,168,704). Applicant traverses the rejections.

Applicant does not admit that Dubin et al. is prior art, that Ting et al. is prior art or that Brown et al. is prior art and reserves the right to swear behind Dubin et al., Ting et al. and Brown et al. as provided for under 37 C.F.R. 1.131.

The references, to support a 103(a) rejection, must teach or suggest all of the claim elements. Each of the rejected claims recites "depositing a conductor on the seed area",